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 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
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 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) consisting of a two-page declaration and Exhibits 1-4
 - iii. ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Michael KENNY *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: 09/925,884

FILED: AUGUST 6, 2001

FOR: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A
WORKPIECE SUCH AS A SEMICONDUCTOR
WAFER**

EXAMINER: Zeinab El Arini

ART UNIT: 1746

CONF. No: 7035

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on May 12, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 36, 38 and 40; amend claims 1, 5, 12, 14, 20, 25, 35 and 41; and add new claims 42-49, as shown on the attached claim sheets.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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